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# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

IN THE CITY OF SOUTHBURY, RICHARD WHILTON, RETIRED BUSINESS MAN, AND JAMES BELVER, LOCAL REFORMER, CONFER AT MIDNIGHT REGARDING "THE SEALED BOX"
MAYOR DYKEN SENT ME THIS BOX BEFORE HIS DEATH ITS CONTENTS WILL EXPOSE THE BRAIN BEHIND THE LOCAL GRAFT RING
Ledger Syndicate
STAMPED WITH THE CITY SEAL! WHO ELSE KNOWS OF THIS BOX, WHILTON?
ONLY MY LAWYER, RUFUS VOSGLE, AND MY DAUGHTER, EUNICE.
THE BOX WILL REMAIN SEALED UNTIL I HAVE TALKED WITH MY FRIEND, THE SHADOW.
WHILTON'S FRIEND, THE SHADOW!
RETURNING TO HIS STUDY---
I DON'T REMEMBER LEAVING THE WINDOW OPEN - BETTER CLOSE IT BEFORE EVERYTHING BLOWS AWAY
SAY! I KNOW YOU---
I'M TAKING THE SEALED BOX, WHILTON!

# THE SHADOW

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# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

IT WAS FORTUNATE YOU WERE IN YOUR OFFICE WHEN I ARRIVED, CHIEF MULLEY WE MUST GET TO WHILTON'S IN A HURRY.
P.D.
THAT SEALED BOX EXPOSING THE GRAFT RING IS DANGEROUS AS DYNAMITE
THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED
WHILTON'S SERVANT, GILBERT!
THE SHADOW!
NO! GILBERT!
HE KILLED MR WHILTON!
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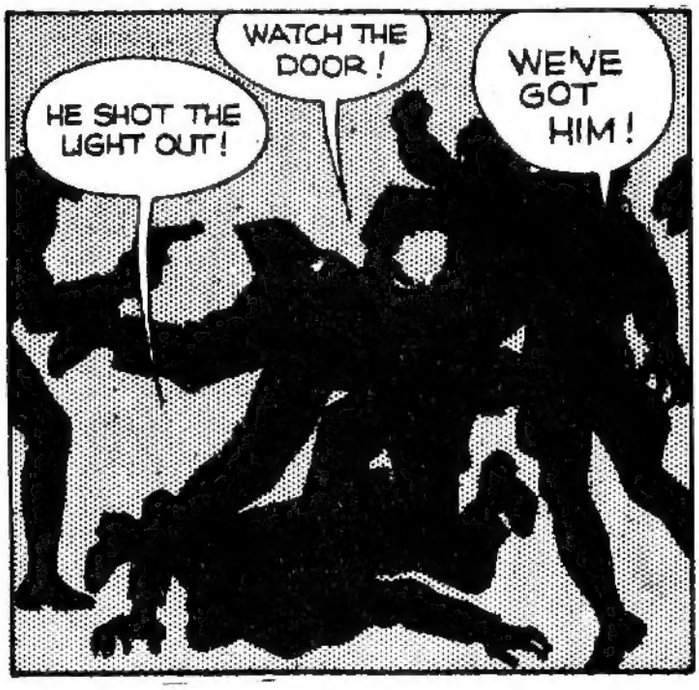

EUNICE KNOWS THAT THE SHADOW DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER HER FATHER'S DEATH
PLEASE DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, MISS WHILTON COME IN
6.

NOT IN HERE - HE MUST HAVE DODGED YOUR BULLET
VERNON H. GREENE
VANISHING INTO THE NIGHT, THE SHADOW HAS TOLD EUNICE THAT HE WILL SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF HER FATHER'S DEATH AND RECLAIM THE STOLEN SEALED BOX.

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

A SEALED BOX, TAKEN BY THE MURDERER OF RICHARD WHILTON, CONTAINS EVIDENCE EXPOSING GRAFT IN SOUTHBURY. MISTAKEN FOR WHILTON'S MURDERER, THE SHADOW DISAPPEARS. NEXT DAY, JAMES BELVER, SOUTHBURY REFORMER, HAS A VISITOR.

7.

LAMONT CRANSTON, ONE OF WHILTON'S NEW YORK FRIENDS. ASK HIM TO COME IN.

YOU ARE SURE THAT WHILTON WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF THE BOX?

I AM. THAT IS WHY I SUMMONED THE POLICE CHIEF AFTER I LEFT WHILTON'S

AND THIS PERSON THEY CALL THE SHADOW?

I CONSIDER HIM INNOCENT. WHILTON SAID HE WAS A FRIEND. THE MAN I SUSPECT IS WHILTON'S LAWYER, VOSGLE.

MR. RUFUS VOSGLE IS HERE WITH MISS WHILTON, SIR.

SURPRISED THAT VOSGLE SHOULD BE CALLING ON HIM, JAMES BELVER WOULD BE EVEN MORE AMAZED TO KNOW THAT CRANSTON IS THE SHADOW

I AGREE, BELVER, THAT THE SHADOW IS INNOCENT, UNLESS THE POLICE SHOULD FIND HIM WITH THE SEALED BOX...

THAT BOX WAS STOLEN BY SOMEONE WHO MIXED IN CROOKED POLITICS HERE IN TOWN!

WHICH MIGHT MEAN ME, I SUPPOSE. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER ANGLE...

# THE SHADOW

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BUNCE, YOUR FATHER'S WILL LEAVES $50,000 TO YOUR FIANCE, LARRY SHERRIN. ODD THAT LARRY IS OUT OF TOWN.
LARRY WOULD NEVER HAVE KILLED FATHER
I TELL YOU AGAIN, BELVER.
THE COIN THAT THE SHADOW FOUND! HE GAVE IT TO YOU, MR. CRANSTON?
YES. THROUGH IT WE MAY STILL FIND THE MURDERER, BEFORE LARRY RETURNS.
LAMONT CRANSTON, IN REALITY THE SHADOW, HAS THE RARE COIN DROPPED BY THE MURDERER WHO STOLE THE SEALED BOX. READING THE SOUTHBURY NEWSPAPER, THE SHADOW MAKES ANOTHER FIND
LOST - A SPANISH GOLD COIN, DATED 1824. BRING TO ROOM 604, CENTRAL BLDG. REWARD.
LOST AND FOUND
WITH DUSK, LAMONT CRANSTON BECOMES THE SHADOW.
TO THE CENTRAL BUILDING, SHREVY, AND HURRY IT.
I'LL GET YA THERE IN A JIFFY, BOSS, I'LL GET YA
THE SHADOW REACHES THE CENTRAL BUILDING UNSEEN AND SCALES TO THE SIXTH FLOOR...
604
THE SEALED BOX!

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

SEEKING THE MURDERER WHO LOST THE RARE SPANISH COIN, THE SHADOW FINDS, INSTEAD, THE SEALED BOX THAT THE KILLER STOLE!

10.

TRAPPED IN A TOP STORY OFFICE WITH THE SEALED BOX, STOLEN BY A MURDERER, IN HIS POSSESSION, THE SHADOW CAN CLEAR HIMSELF ONLY BY FLIGHT WITH THE BOX.

11.

# THE SHADOW

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THIS IS THE WAY HE WENT. WE'LL GET HIM BEFORE HE GOES DOWN THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

BY LEADING PURSUERS ON A FALSE TRAIL WITH THE LADDER, THE SHADOW LETS THE CHASE GO BY, AND KEEPS THE SEALED BOX

REVERSING HIS ROUTE TO GO DOWN THROUGH OFFICE 604, THE SHADOW MEETS NEW OPPOSITION. NOT FROM THE POLICE, BUT FROM CROOKS WHO FOLLOWED IN THEIR WAKE!

12.

IT'S THE SHADOW! COMIN' BACK!

CROAK HIM AND LET THE COPPERS FIND HIM WITH THE BOX!

THERE'S THE SHADOW TAKIN' COVER.

YEAH, WHILE THE COPPERS ARE TAKIN' US!

Ledger Syndicate

THE SHADOW'S SHELTER BRINGS DISASTER, A SKYLIGHT BREAKS UNDER HIM - HE BEGINS A 60 FOOT PLUNGE DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT!

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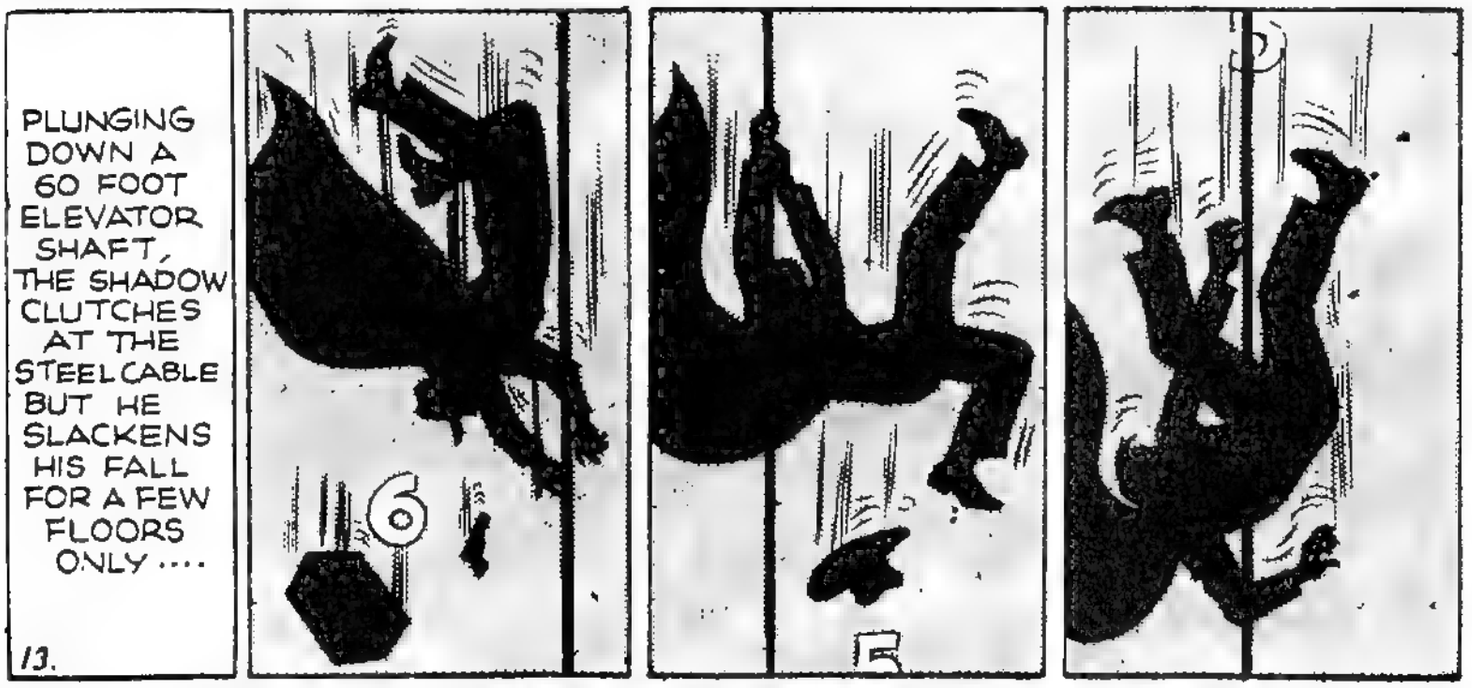
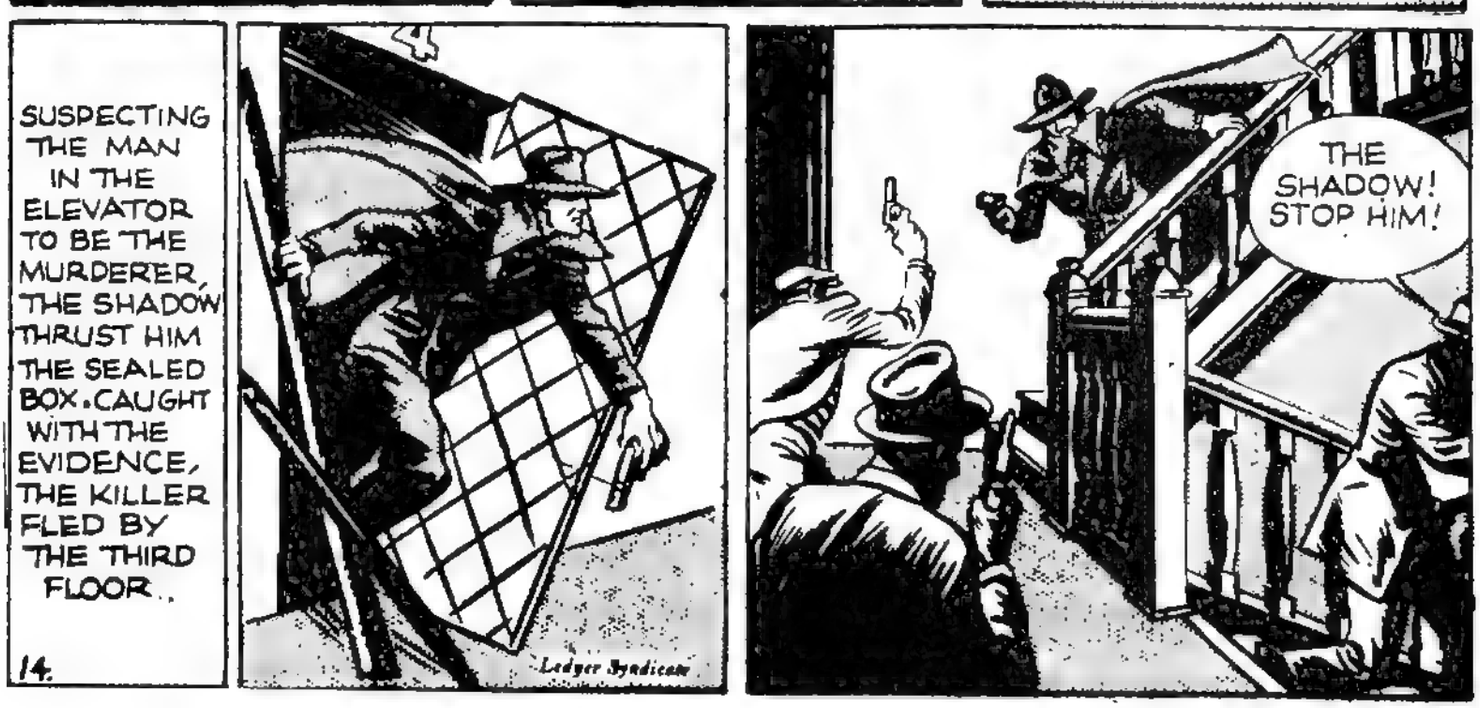

PLUNGING DOWN A 60 FOOT ELEVATOR SHAFT, THE SHADOW CLUTCHES AT THE STEEL CABLE BUT HE SLACKENS HIS FALL FOR A FEW FLOORS ONLY....
13.


SUSPECTING THE MAN IN THE ELEVATOR TO BE THE MURDERER, THE SHADOW THRUST HIM THE SEALED BOX. CAUGHT WITH THE EVIDENCE, THE KILLER FLED BY THE THIRD FLOOR..
14.
Ledger Syndicate
THE SHADOW! STOP HIM!

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A COUPLE MORE FOR THE COL-LECTION.
DELAYED TOO LONG TO OVERTAKE THE SPEEDY MASTER CROOK, THE SHADOW MAKES HIS OWN DE-PARTURE, LEAVING THE FIELD TO THE POLICE.
HELLO, CRANSTON. THIS IS VOSGLE, THE ATTORNEY. I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU IN THE LOBBY.
Ledger Syndicate
THEY'VE TRAPPED THE SHADOW. POLICE HAVE HIM CORNERED ON THE ROOF BY NOW, PROBABLY
I WONDER... WELL - HERE'S BELVER.
15.
HELLO, BELVER.
HOW DO YOU DO, GENTLEMEN - CRANSTON, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET LARRY SHERRIN. HE JUST DROPPED IN AT MY OFFICE
I JUST CAME IN ON THE LIMITED, MR. VOSGLE. SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MR. WHILTON.
BELVER CLAIMS THAT VOSGLE MURDERED WHILTON, VOSGLE, THE SHREWD ATTORNEY BLAMES LARRY. WHICH IS THE CULPRIT? ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS!

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

WHAT'S YOUR SUMMARY OF THE WHILTON CASE, CHIEF MULLEY?
THE NIGHT WHILTON WAS MURDERED, I SAW A LOT OF THUGS OUT AT THE CLUB CAIRO...
AND THE NEXT NIGHT THOSE THUGS WERE GUNNING FOR THE SHADOW WHICH MEANS WE'LL WORK WITH THE SHADOW FROM NOW ON.
GOOD AFTERNOON, MISS WHILTON. ARE YOU WAITING FOR LARRY SHERRIN?
YES. WE'RE HAVING DINNER TOGETHER BUT HE'S LATE.
16.
Ledger Syndicate
TO THE SHADOW... UNLESS YOU ARE PACKED AND LEAVING TOWN BY 6:30 YOU WILL DIE. AN ENEMY.
HAS SOMEONE GUESSED THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE SHADOW ???
TO THE SHADOW-- UNLESS YOU ARE PACKED AND LEAVING TOWN BY 6:30, YOU WILL DIE -- AN ENEMY.
PAGE MISS WHILTON, PLEASE.
17.
Ledger Syndicate
GET MY BRIEF CASE FROM THE CHECK ROOM. OPEN IT WHEN YOU REACH THE EIGHTH FLOOR. AFTER THAT---- .

# THE SHADOW

*Maxwell Grant and Vernon Greene*

YES, MR CRANSTON JUST PHONED.
MR. CRANSTON WANTS HIS BRIEF CASE, PLEASE.
CHECKING
THE SHADOW'S!
ELEVATORS
ACROSS THE COURT FROM CRANSTON'S ROOM, A MASKED MURDERER IS WAITING TO DELIVER DEATH, THE MOMENT THE SHADOW SHOWS WEAKNESS, BY OBEYING THE ORDER TO LEAVE SOUTHBURY.
THE SHADOW!
HE'S GETTING AWAY THROUGH THE BACK DOOR!
VERNON V. GREENE
BY DOUBLING FOR THE SHADOW, EUNICE LEARNS THAT HE IS CRANSTON, A SECRET THAT SHE WILL KEEP. MEANWHILE, THE ESCAPING KILLER THINKS THAT HIS OWN GUESS OF THE SHADOW'S IDENTITY WAS WRONG.

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

SORRY YOU ARE LEAVING SOUTHBURY, CRANSTON.
THERE WAS SHOOTING AT THE HOTEL LAST NIGHT, MR. VOSGLE. THE TOWN SEEMS UNHEALTHY FOR STRANGERS.
GOODBYE, BELVER. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL PUSH THE HUNT FOR THE SLAYER OF RICHARD WHILTON.
CURIOUS THAT WHILTON LEFT $50,000 TO LARRY SHERRIN. YOU MIGHT ASK LARRY ABOUT IT.
I WILL, VOSGLE.
LAMONT CRANSTON INTENDS TO STAY IN SOUTHBURY- AS THE SHADOW
CAIRO CLUB ?--TELL THEDA MORENZ THAT I WANT TO SEE HER-- YES, THIS EVENING---
19. Ledger Syndicate
VERNON V. GREENE
ARRIVING HOME, RUFUS VOSGLE FAILS TO SEE THE SHADOW WAITING HIS RETURN!--

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SO MISS MORENZ IS ALREADY HERE?
YES SIR SHE'S WAITING UP IN THE STUDY.
VERNON GREENE
THE SHADOW INTENDS TO WITNESS THE COMING CONFERENCE
20.

WEREN'T YOU AND LARRY SHERRIN GOOD FRIENDS ONCE?
SURE. HE CAME TO THE CAIRO CLUB A LOT, BEFORE HE FELL FOR WHILTON'S DAUGHTER.
21.

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

AS THEDA MORENZ AND HER CROWD DRIVE AWAY, THE SHADOW IS CAUGHT IN THE GLOW OF OTHER HEADLIGHTS !...
I'LL RUN HIM DOWN!
IT'S THE SHADOW. DON'T MISS.
HE'S GONE!
HE'S HERE-- OW-W--
22.
WHERE IS THEDA MORENZ?
THEY HEADED FOR THE HIGH SPOT CAFE ... IN SOUTHBURY-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT FOR--
Ledger Syndicate
AT THE HIGH SPOT CAFE
VERNON V. GREENE
RESERVE A QUIET BOOTH FOR TWO. I MUST MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL--
FRANKLY, MR. BELVER, I WAS AMAZED TO LEARN THAT MR. WHILTON LEFT ME $50,000
I WASN'T, LARRY. DAD MEANT IT AS A WEDDING GIFT FOR US.
A TELEPHONE CALL, MR SHERRIN
IF LARRY HAD ONLY BEEN HERE THE NIGHT THAT DAD WAS--
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HERE, EUNICE.

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SINCE IT'S IMPORTANT, THEDA, I'LL MEET YOU THERE RIGHT AWAY.
YES, MR. SHERRIN MENTIONED THE HIGH SPOT CAFE.
WAIT, MR. BELVER. CAN YOU DRIVE ME DOWN TOWN?
CERTAINLY, EUNICE. ODD THAT LARRY LEFT SO SUDDENLY
23
Ledger Syndicate

AT THE HIGH SPOT CAFE, LARRY SHERRIN HOPES THAT THEDA MORENZ CAN NAME THE MURDERER OF RICHARD WHILTON
YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I ASKED. WHERE'S THE SEALED BOX YOU SWIPED FROM OLD WHILTON.
YOU THINK I MURDERED WHILTON?
24
WE BOTH THINK IT, SHERRIN. I'M NICK KROMER, A GUY WHO CAN MAKE YOU TALK.
LOOK OUT!
Ledger Syndicate

EUNICE!
WHILTON'S DAUGHTER, HUH? WE'LL HANDLE HER.
THE DOOR, NICK, BEHIND YOU!
THE SHADOW! WE'VE GOT HIM THIS TRIP, THEDA!
A SURE THING, NICK!

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

WHERE DID YOU GET TO, EUNICE?
I WAS LOOKING FOR LARRY. THEY SAY HE WAS IN A BRAWL. I'M GOING HOME, MR. BELVER.
HIGH SHOT CAFE
VERNON GREENE
LATER
YES, THIS IS RUFUS VOSGLE··· LARRY SHERRIN IS IN TROUBLE·· I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN, CHIEF!
Ledger Syndicate
LARRY DIDN'T SHOOT ANYONE. I DEMAND THAT YOU RELEASE HIM, CHIEF
Ledger Syndicate
BETTER STAY IN YOUR ROOM, LARRY, AND KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE.
I WILL, MR. VOSGLE.
SUMMON THE HOMICIDE SQUAD! HERE'S A TIP-OFF THAT MAY CRACK THE WHILTON MURDER!
27.
BUT YOU TOLD ME TO MAKE LARRY TALK, MR. VOSGLE.
A THREAT WITH GUNS WAS THE WRONG METHOD. SEE HIM BY YOURSELF, THEDA·· AT ONCE!
VERNON GREENE

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

THE SEALED BOX! STOLEN BY THE GUY WHO MURDERED RICHARD WHILTON. SO IT WAS YOU, LARRY SHERRIN!!
BUT I NEVER SAW IT BEFORE.
VERNON V. GREENE

TRAPPED WITH THE SEALED BOX, LARRY SHERRIN HEARS THE POLICE HAMMER AT HIS DOOR. THE SOUND IS MUSIC TO THEDA MORENZ!

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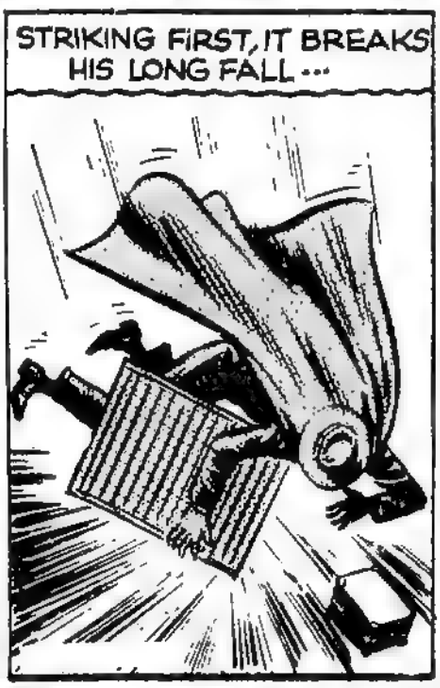

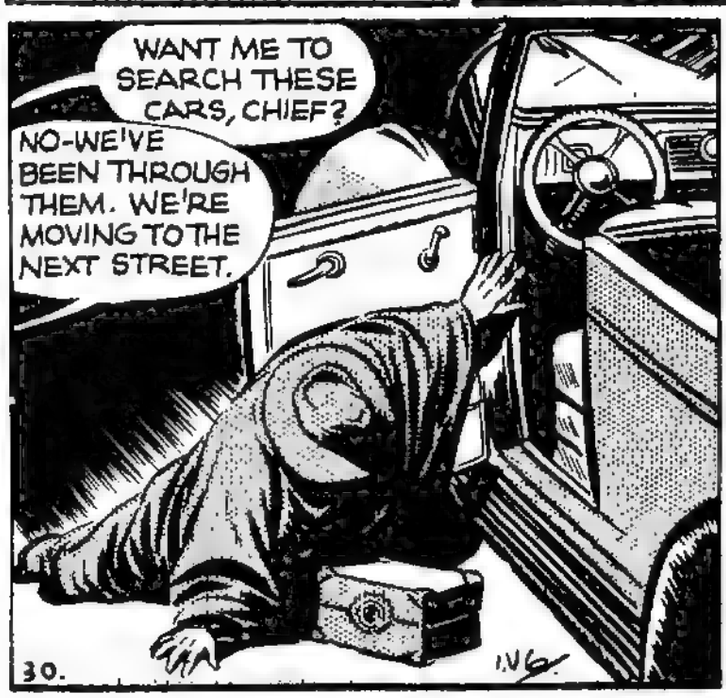

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

WE'RE OUTSIDE OF SOUTHBURY, THEDA. HOW ABOUT KNOCKING OFF THE SHADOW?
WAIT, NICK. SEE IF HE HAS THE SEALED BOX?
362
GOOD ENOUGH. LET'S DOPE THIS ALL OUT. RICHARD WHILTON HAD THE BOX FIRST. LARRY SHERRIN KILLED HIM...
YEAH. HERE'S THE BOX.
..TO GET THE BOX AND SELL IT TO THE HIDDEN BRAIN OF THE GRAFT RING.
YEAH. THE PAPERS IN THE BOX ARE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE BRAIN.
WHY NOT CROAK THE SHADOW? WHY GO SEE RUFUS VOSGLE?
BECAUSE VOSGLE IS THE BRAIN! WE'LL SELL HIM A DOUBLE BARGAIN.. THE SEALED BOX.. AND THE SHADOW!
Ledger Syndicate
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY, MR. VOSGLE.
HAVE NO FEAR. MY SERVANTS ARE RELIABLE AND SILENT.
PARTICULARLY CHON. HE COULD SUPPRESS THE SHADOW SINGLE-HANDED. BESIDES THIS IS MY STRONG ROOM.
Ledger Syndicate

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HOW MUCH DO WE GET FOR THE SEALED BOX AND THE SHADOW?
MY THANKS, THEDA, AND MY PROMISE NOT TO REVEAL WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.
3-8-1-4-
ALLRIGHT, MR. VOSGLE. I GUESS THAT WILL HAVE TO DO.
VERNON U GREENE
SO YOU THINK, LARRY, THAT VOSGLE TOLD THE POLICE YOU HAD THE SEALED BOX?
YES. LUCKILY I DIDN'T HAVE IT WHEN THEY INVADED MY ROOM LAST NIGHT.
JAM BELV
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THEDA MORENZ. LISTEN, BELVER, YOU'RE THE BIG REFORM GUY HERE IN SOUTHBURY. YOU'D LIKE TO FIND THE SEALED BOX.
JAMES BELVER
Ledger Syndicate
OF COURSE, WHOEVER HAS IT KILLED RICHARD WHILTON.
THE BOX IS IN VOSGLE'S SAFE. HERE IS THE COMBINATION. IT'S WORTH $5000
THEDA MORENZ DOES NOT TELL BELVER THAT SHE DELIVERED THE BOX TO RUFUS VOSGLE ··· AND THE SHADOW WITH IT !!!
HE STILL WEAK.
KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON HIM, CHON.
VERNON U GREENE
33.

# THE RIDDLE OF THE SEALED BOX

STILL WONDERING ABOUT THE SHADOW, LARRY CALLS ON EUNICE.
I ONLY THOUGHT THAT THEDA MIGHT KNOW WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER.
ARE YOU SURE, LARRY? I'VE HEARD THAT YOU USED TO SEE THEDA OFTEN.
VOSGLE'S HOUSE THAT'S WHERE THE ANSWER LIES.
IN HIS MANSION, RUFUS VOSGLE GIVES ORDERS TO HIS SERVANTS —
TELL ALL CALLERS THAT I HAVE GONE OUT OF TOWN. ONLY CHON IS TO APPROACH THE SHADOW'S CELL.
I TAKE DINNER TO SHADOW, MASTER.
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GUARDED BY CHON, THE SHADOW LIES PRISONER IN THE HOME OF RUFUS VOSGLE, WHO ALSO HAS THE SEALED BOX.
WAKE UP! HERE'S SUPPER.
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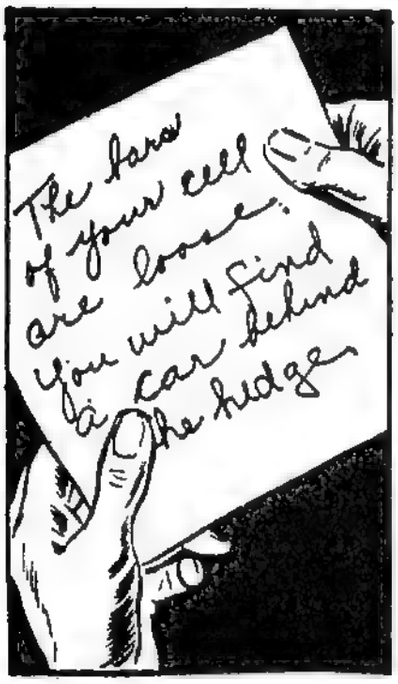

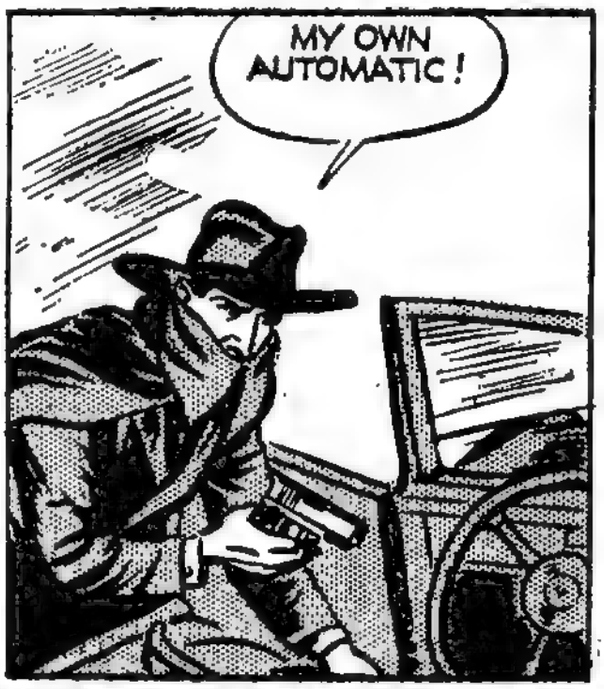

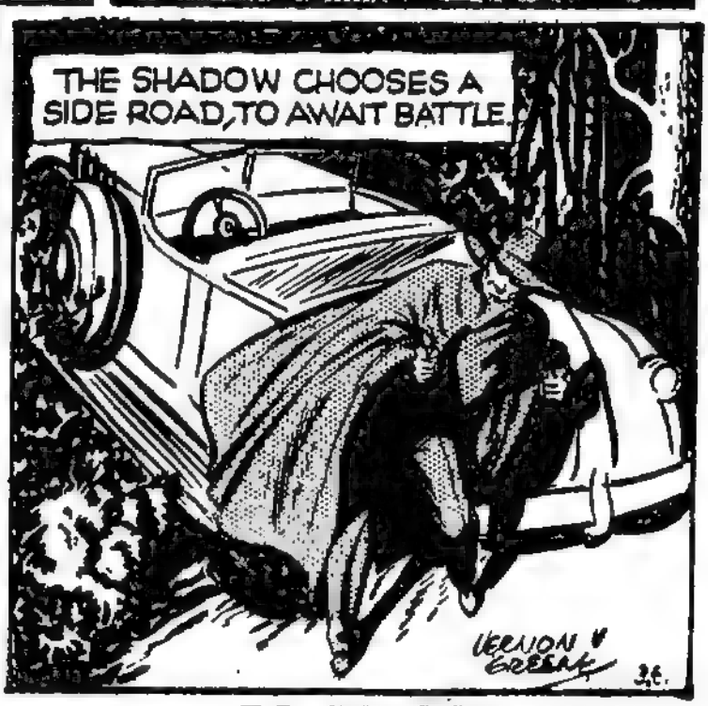


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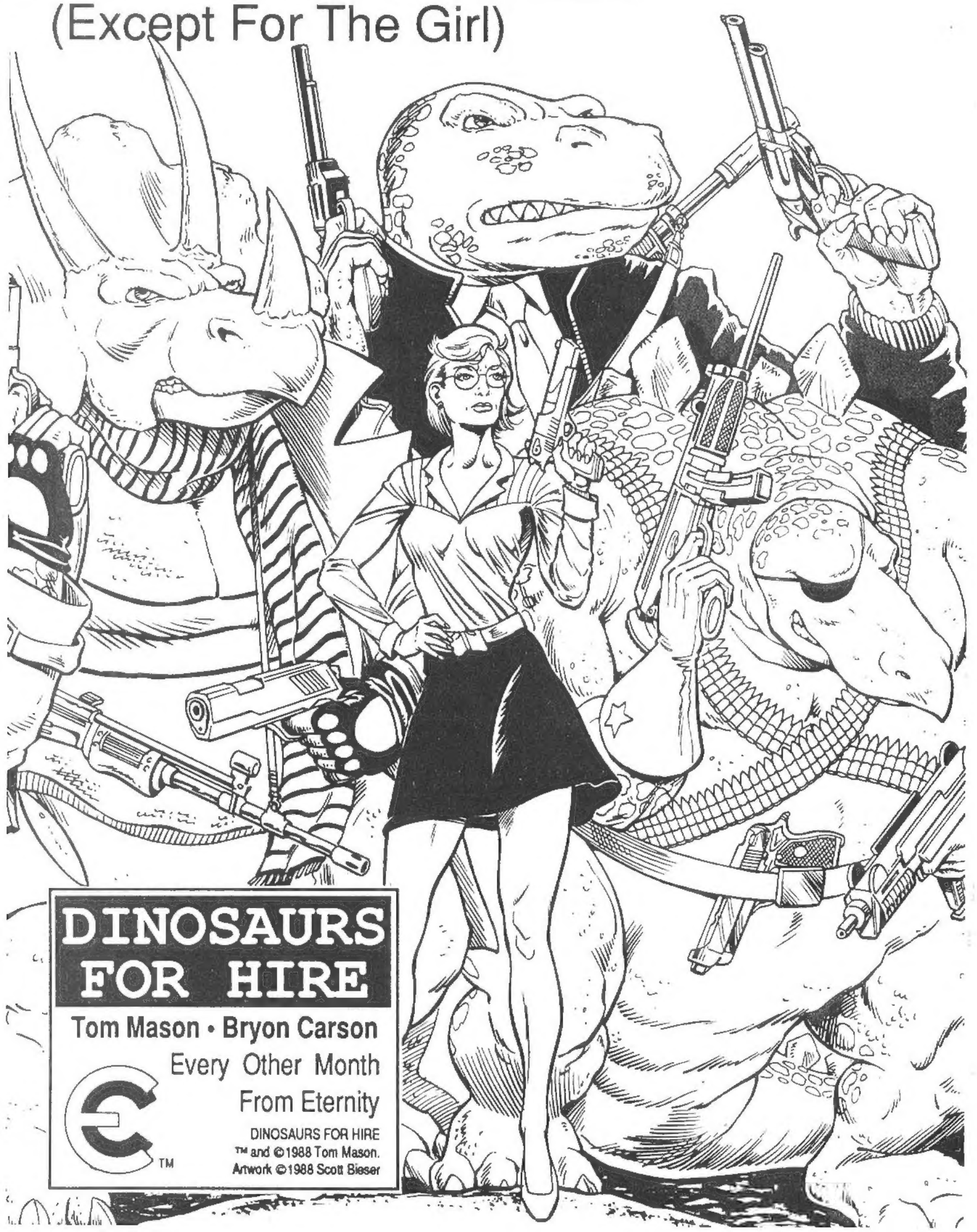

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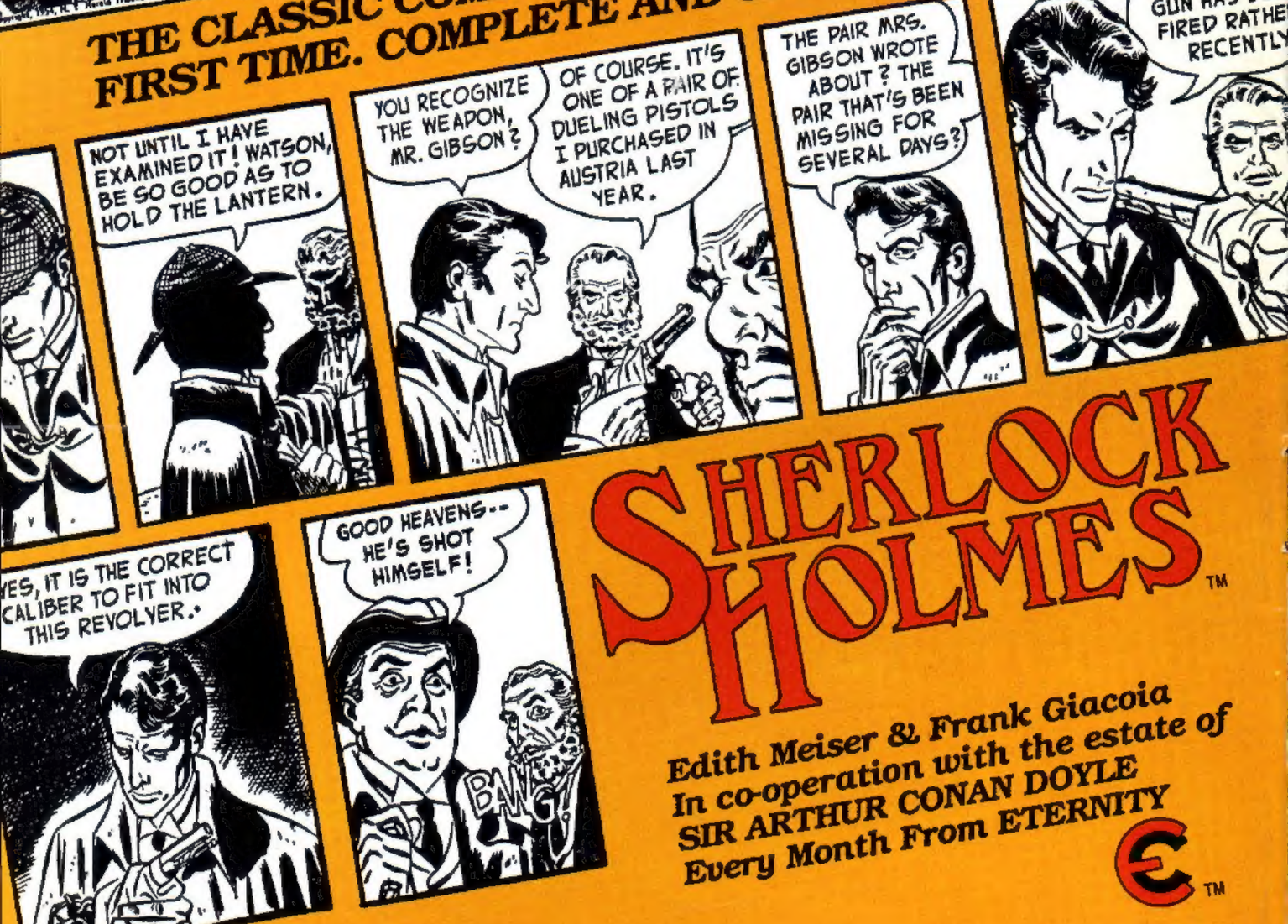
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